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Seishi Nagamori

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROLIFERATING HEPATITIS VIRUS

Examiner: M. S. Horning

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2008, finally rejecting claims 21-29, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.